



REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of February 7th, 2005

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

<p>New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force</p> <p>Twenty-year-old James Stitt was arrested in Brooklyn, New York on February 9, 2005, by the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force for killing his friend, a 21-year-old male parachute rigger with the 3rd Special Forces Group of the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Bragg and a 16-year-old female victim. For two months Stitt was a guest at his friend’s home before killing both victims, then fleeing North Carolina in the male victim’s car. The Eastern District of North Carolina requested the assistance of the Task Force in locating and arresting Stitt after developing information that he was involved in the homicide and believed to have fled to New York. Stitt was also wanted by NYC Police for an armed robbery that occurred on December 13, 2004. When Task Force members located the stolen car, surveillance was set up. Minutes later, while attempting to enter the vehicle, Stitt spotted investigators and took off running. Task Force members chased after him and arrested him inside a nearby apartment building.</p>	 <p>James Stitt</p> <p>Wanted for Murder</p>
<p>Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force</p> <p>On February 2, 2005, David Scott Taylor was arrested by police in Carrollton, Georgia following a disturbance at a hotel. Taylor, who had been in possession of an ounce of methamphetamine and a large sum of money, had been handcuffed and placed in the back of a patrol car. He was able to free himself from the patrol car, however, and escaped while the officer was talking to witnesses. Taylor, who has been convicted of aggravated assault three times since 1989 as result of stabbing victims with a knife, has spent 14 years in prison and had been released in September 2004 after serving his sentence. Due to Taylor’s violent history, Carrollton P.D. requested the assistance of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF). With assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), SERFTF investigators tracked Taylor to several locations, and were able to develop information on the vehicle that Taylor was using and several previously unknown addresses where he may have been staying. On February 9, 2005, SERFTF and TOG investigators located Taylor at a residence in Hapeville. The fugitive tried to get away on foot but was quickly captured and arrested.</p>	 <p>David Scott Taylor</p> <p>Wanted for Felony Escape</p>

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On February 8, 2005, Robert Dove was arrested in Hammond, Indiana by members of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF). The Lake County Courts issued a warrant for Dove on January 27, 2005, on four counts of kidnapping, sexual assault, and theft. On January 10, 2005, Dove kidnapped two adult and two juvenile female victims, took them to a garage and raped them. Dove contacted the family of the victims and demanded ransom for their release. One of the victims was able to free herself with a pair of scissors found in the glove compartment of a car in the garage and freed the others. All the victims then fled to safety. The FBI Gang Response Investigative Team (GRIT) conducted an investigation and filed charges on Dove, but was unable to locate him. On February 4, 2005, the FBI GRIT Task Force contacted the GLRFTF requesting assistance in locating and apprehending Dove. On February 8, 2005, GLRFTF investigators, with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, were able to develop a possible address where Dove was believed to be residing. Investigators conducted a short surveillance before they observed him exiting the house and attempting to leave in a vehicle. Dove was taken into custody without incident and was turned over to FBI GRIT on his outstanding charges.



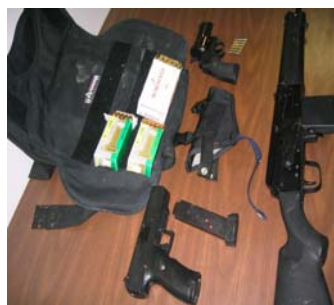
Robert Dove

**Wanted for
Kidnapping, Sexual
Assault, and Theft**

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

On October 13, 2004, David Lamont Stokes and a criminal associate were charged by the Prince William County, Virginia, Police Department with aggravated malicious wounding, use of a firearm in commission of a felony, and shooting into an occupied vehicle. Earlier that day, the two approached a vehicle with handguns drawn and fired multiple rounds into the vehicle, wounding the two individuals inside. One of the victims remained in a coma for more than two months before regaining consciousness just before Christmas. One suspect surrendered on the charges, however, Stokes fled Virginia. On February 9, 2005, the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) was asked to assist with locating and arresting Stokes. On February 12, 2005, a surveillance of Stokes girlfriend led deputy U.S. marshals and Maryland State Police officers from the CARFTF to a trailer in Port Deposit, Maryland.

Stokes was arrested at the residence along with an associate who attempted to obstruct deputy U.S. marshals. Upon executing a search warrant of the trailer and associated vehicle, three firearms (.38 revolver, .40 semi-automatic pistol, .410 shotgun), multiple calibers of ammunition, and a ballistic vest were seized.

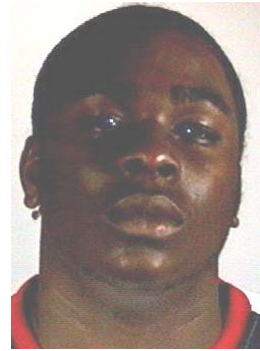


David Lamont Stokes

**Wanted for
Aggravated Malicious
Wounding,
Use of a Firearm in
Commission of a
Felony,
Shooting into an
Occupied Vehicle**

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

Luther Gene Ray was arrested in Oceanside, California on February 10, 2005 by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF), deputy United States marshals from the Central District of California, investigators from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), the Orange County Sheriff's Department, the Santa Ana Police Department, and the Anaheim Police Department. On February 10, 2005, the PSWRFTF was asked to assist in the investigation of Luther Gene Ray, who was wanted for attempting to run over two detectives from the Anaheim Police Department earlier that day. Anaheim PD investigators were conducting a prostitution investigation when they attempted to make contact with Luther Ray near his vehicle. When the detectives identified themselves, Ray jumped into his vehicle, placed it into reverse, then immediately placed the vehicle in drive and drove straight at the detectives. Both detectives were able to jump out of the path of the vehicle, which missed them by approximately one foot. A skid mark of approximately 70 feet was left behind. Detectives conducted a records check of Ray and discovered he was already wanted by the FBI pursuant to a federal indictment charging him with sex trafficking of children by force, fraud and coercion; transportation into prostitution; coercing and enticing travel into prostitution; and transportation of minors into prostitution. With technical assistance from TOG, a location was discovered for Ray in Oceanside, California. Ray was seen exiting a hotel room and was taken into custody by PSWRFTF members without incident. He was later booked for two counts of assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer, as well as the pre-existing federal charges.



Luther Gene Ray

**Wanted for Assault
with a Deadly Weapon
on a Peace Officer and
numerous Federal
Offenses Related to
Sex Trafficking of
Children**